

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AMENDMENT IN NATIONAL REHABILITATION POLICY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the existing National Rehabilitation Policy as appeared in 'Hindu' dated the January 2,2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide rehabilitation to the displaced people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA):

(a) and (b) There is no proposal to amend the existing National Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development have formulated a National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for the Project Affected Families-2003 (NPRR-2003). The salient features of the Policy are as given below:

This Policy will be applicable to Projects displacing 500 families or more enmasse in plain areas and 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) blocks, areas mentioned in Schedule V and Schedule VI of the Constitution of India.

This Policy would be in the form of broad guidelines for guidance of all concerned.

This Policy document provides R&R benefits to those Project Affected Families who have lost their land and house. There benefits will also be available to small and marginal farmers, agricultural and non-agricultural labourers, rural artisans/self employed youths whether belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) or non BPL category. However, the States where R&R packages are higher than that proposed in the Policy are free to adopt their own packages.

The above said categories of PAFs shall be entitled to get R&R benefits in monetary terms like allotment of house sites, grants for construction of house and cattle shed, grant for land development and agriculture production, construction of shop/work shed to rural artisans and one time grant for monthly subsistence allowance to those Project Affected Families who have lost their land and house and employment.

The tribal PAFs resettled out of the district/taluka will get 25% higher R&R benefits in monetary terms in addition to other R&R benefits.

A Grievance Redressal Cell will be set at Project level and a Monitoring Cell at National level for monitoring the progress of various R & R projects.